

Catamount Spirit

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

GROUP TRAVELS TO EL PASO, TEXAS

Professor Paula Piehl, contact person for the "Watersheds and Their Communities" project, has been working with the W.K. Kellogg/West Virginia University Expanding Community Partnerships Program to expand the program. A two-credit practicum course on sustainable community development has been added this year.

As part of this course, the partnership will have a weeklong community-based training and an independent study program on watersheds. This program seeks to attract non-traditional adult students into already established activities and develop a mentoring program for these courses using Potomac State College (PSC) of West Virginia University students, alumni and community members.

The stewardship program emphasizes hands-on learning to build students' critical thinking, communication, and team work skills at the same time they're learning about regeneration and diversity as it applies to agriculture, forestry, watershed restoration, and community service.

Teachers, students, community leaders, and school administrators from Grant, Monroe, Hampshire, and Mineral counties have participated in the program.

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Participating in the "Border Connections" Consortium were front row, left to right: Jo Ann Hurley, Fort Wayne Elementary School Principal; Jill Kriesky, Director WVU Office of Service Learning; Theresa Wang, Asst. Prof. WVU Div. of Forestry; Judy Abbott, WVU College of Human Resources & Education; Julie Ferry, WVU Extension Agent; Paula Piehl, PSC Biology Professor. Back row: Dr. Gerald Lang, WVU Provost, VP for Academic Affairs; Dr. Larry Cote, WVU Assoc. Provost for Extension & Public Service; Shelley Kile, Lightstone Foundation Program Director; Van Dempsey, WVU College of Human Resources & Education; Mike Moore, WVU Student; Rich Fleisher, WVU Extension Specialist; Randy Adams, PSC Student; Debra Bowen, Academic Coach Fort Wayne Elementary; and Reed Chambers, WVU Student. To learn more about other endeavors of faculty and staff, refer to pages 4 & 5.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

FACULTY AND STAFF:

How quickly a semester goes. Truly, when we started in August, none of us could have imagined the change of events as a result of September 11. However, we are continuing to experience Catamount pride as highlighted by the following achievements this fall.

- Approval of the campus mission statement by the West Virginia University Board of Governors (BOG) and Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC).
- Approval of the Hospitality and Tourism Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree program by the BOG and HEPC.
- Steps towards an operational Academic Student Success Center.
- Funding through West Virginia Legislature Special Project Funds to begin a physical master plan review and to publish plans for an Informational Technical Center.
- Approval for two minority doctoral fellows to teach agricultural economics and music in Spring 2002. They are jointly sponsored by PSC and WVU President's Office for Social Justice.
- The obtaining of a joint grant with Shepherd College to teach their associate of science degree in Emergency Medical Services on our campus via distance learning technology. The program will be available Fall 2002.
- Continued enhancements in our enrollment management process.
- Improvements in the Student Union and to the student activities schedule.
- New faces to our PSC Community. Please refer to the announcement on page 7.
- Student and staff initiative to support the American Red Cross, raising more than \$25,000.
- Presentations by our faculty and staff related to the events of September 11.



President Rittling

While this is only a partial list of the efforts this past fall to build and develop academic programs and a student-centered campus, it took many dedicated employees to make these initiatives occur. Needless to say, I am proud of the PSC campus community and each day we continue to prove that success starts at Potomac State College.

Finally, as the Thanksgiving Season approaches, my husband Jim and I wish you all the blessings of the season.

Mary Rittling
Potomac State College President



West Virginia University

Office of the President

October 25, 2001

Dr. Mary Rittling
President
Potomac State College
Fort Avenue
Keyser, WV 26726

Dear Mary:

I have reviewed the goals and accomplishments contained in your annual report for the College, and I must say that I am impressed!

Your letter alone contains highlights that many college presidents would be proud to include in their annual report. When combined with the details contained in the rest of the report, I think everyone at Potomac State College can take great pride. It is clear that the College has moved significantly forward since you became its president. I'm very proud of you and the accomplishments that you and your team have achieved together.

Please share my sentiments with others on campus as you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

David C. Hardesty, Jr.
President

TRIO GRANT

RENEWED

Potomac State College of West Virginia University learned in May that the Student Support Services (SSS) was approved for \$1,052,458 in funding by the United States Department of Education.

The college will receive \$250,827 during the first year of its four-year grant period. \$254,567 for the second year, \$267,688 for the third year and \$279,376 for the fourth year. All monies received will be used to help disadvantaged students to succeed in college.

Bill Letrent, former Director of SSS and writer of the grant said, "We are thrilled that this application was approved. The money will help serve the mission of the college by providing academic assistance to disadvantaged students. Without SSS, some of our students may not succeed at the college level."

The competition for the grant money was stiff. Of 1400 applications, only 750 slots were available for the money.

VIRUS UPDATE

The college is now licensed with the corporate edition of the Norton Anti Virus. If you need the software installed on your computer or updated, call Ray Hall at Ext. 6938.

Catamount Spirit

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NEW COORDINATOR NAMED TO CATAMOUNT CHILDREN'S CENTER

Gina Raschella, of Keyser, was recently named Coordinator of the Catamount Children's Center, the college's childcare facility operating in conjunction with The Children's Home Society of West Virginia.

Raschella earned an associate degree in general studies from Potomac State College of West Virginia University in 2000. She then worked as the Child Care Provider Workshop Coordinator and the Energy Express Coordinator for Mineral County. She has served as a mentor for AmeriCorps Energy Express and supervised the Reading Partner Program, also a part of AmeriCorps.

While serving in these various capacities, she has taught reading and comprehension skills, guided children with behavioral problems, prepared daily lesson plans, organized literacy programs and instructed both children and parents in healthy education and nutritional values.

Raschella has supervised and trained reading partners in the literacy skills, developed a partnership with school and community groups, and written and managed several grants.

One of Raschella's main objectives is to implement more readiness skills for the purpose of making sure that the four year olds are ready for kindergarten the following year. "I just love working with the children," she states. "I go home happy every evening."

One approach Raschella is using to prepare the children involves Mountain Heart ChildCare out of Martinsburg, WV. According to Raschella, they bring a very large van by every five weeks, loaded with toys and games. "It works like a library, we can check out six different toys for the children to play with, every time they stop by. This also teaches the children to take special care of these things because they belong to someone else," stated Raschella.



Gina Raschella

TRAINING FUTURE MACHINISTS

The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) and Machinist Technology Program have partnered with Potomac State College (PSC) of West Virginia University to offer an associate of applied sciences in technical studies degree. The goal of this partnership is to meet the need for a technically educated and highly skilled machinist workforce.

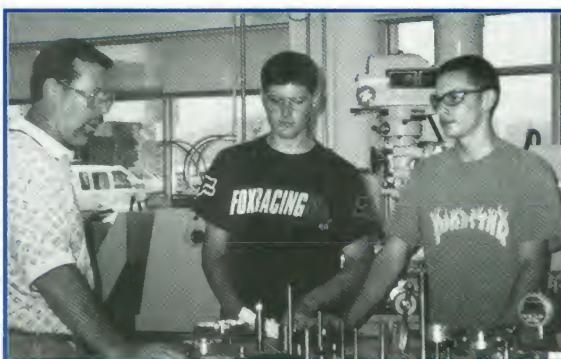
The partnership between RCBI and PSC will enable students to earn a degree, which is designed to prepare them for an entry-level machinist position. According to Mark Boggs, site manager at the RCBI facility in Rocket Center, WV, "Machinist are aging out, yet, it is a much needed skill so there is a great demand for individuals to learn this trade."

The student will spend three terms on-site at the RCBI facility over the course of 12 months. They will then spend an additional term in a full-time, supervised, paid position, in addition to course work in supervision and one three-hour elective. Technical courses include metalworking theory, blueprint reading, safety, first aid, measurements for machinists and supervision.

The RCBI facility has employed experienced machinist to teach machining skills and to supervise the laboratory/shop training. The classes are kept small (12 or under), giving the student individual attention. For those needing it, financial aid is available through Enrollment Services at PSC.

The concept of the RCBI and shared manufacturing was envisioned by West Virginia Senator Robert C. Byrd as a unique blend of academia and industry working together in order for small and medium-sized manufacturers to keep pace with the challenges of an increasingly competitive economy.

As a customer-focused organization, RCBI offers a networking link to manufacturers who in the past were unable to bid on certain contracts because they didn't have the means to produce needed parts. "Small companies may not have the means to purchase the type of machinery we have here, which would limit them being able to bid on certain contracts. We consider ourselves to be very detailed to the needs of the customer and the student," stated Boggs.



Instructor Lloyd Arnold demonstrates to students Jesse Evans and Jackson Shipley various products such as gaskets, automotive pulleys and special hardware that was made for local companies who contracted the use of the machinery.

LOCHRIDGE MARKS FIRST YEAR AT PSC

During an athletic event, they're the first to come in and the last to go home. They attend all home games and all practices for all sports. They're usually on campus seven days a week, making themselves available even during holidays. In the summer, they work the camps. Who could these athletic fanatics be? Trainers.

Since coming on board a year ago, Potomac State College's Head Athletic Trainer Scott Lochridge can attest to the schedule. However, he knew what the career entailed when he began his education at the University of Texas at Arlington in the Exercise Science Program with an emphasis in Athletic Training. After earning his bachelor's degree, he went on to attain the Athletic Trainer Certification (ATC), a national assessment program.

"I'm responsible for the care and prevention of injuries for both our athletes as well as the visiting teams' athletes," says Lochridge. Prior to games, Lochridge is busy taping joints and stretching out and applying heat packs to muscles. During the games, he is



Scott Lochridge

LIT CLUB UP & WRITING AGAIN

Mark Brantner, Instructor and Coordinator of the English Department, and Mark Smith, a Visiting Instructor in English, have been instrumental in getting the Literature Club up and writing again. They have lots of activities planned not only for members, but for students, faculty and staff to enjoy as well.

Most recently, several members of the club traveled downstate to Charleston for the first West Virginia Book Festival, where they met many West Virginia authors, publishers and attended workshops on various subjects.

According to Brantner, the character development workshop held by WVU Professor Gail Adams, was one of the most interesting because, "...she is so funny and personable, and has this infectious laugh and enthusiasm that you can't help but learn from her. I also found lots of great books at low prices," he added.

Smith stated, "I also enjoyed the Invention of Character Workshop by Adams. Being a former student, I enjoyed her instruction again and I also made some good contacts. Hopefully, Irene McKinney, Maggie Anderson and Denise Giardina will be coming to the campus soon."

Other activities scheduled for the club include group readings at the Student Government Association office in the Student Union, publishing a literary book and taking trips to different locations of literary interest. The Literary Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the SGA office at 7 p.m.



The Literary Club's first event was a Question & Answer Session & Reading. Featured guests were Barbara Hurd and Brad Barkley, both published professors from Frostburg State University. Pictured front row left to right are Barkley; Hurd; Mark Smith, Visiting English Instructor. Second row from left: Mark Brantner, English Instructor & Coordinator and Students Sarah Hoalcraft and Andrew Arthur. Back row: Adjunct Instructor Craig Cross.

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EMPLOYEES EXTEND BEYOND

MONAHAN COOKS UP

GOOD TIME AT INDIAN RESERVATION

Mike Monahan, Chief Financial Officer, traveled with his wife, Terri, and 30 other volunteers with a work and witness group from the Cumberland First Church of the Nazarene to Isleta Pueblo Reservation, outside of Albuquerque, NM. The group stayed at the Nazarene Indian Bible College (NIBC).

At NIBC, they spent the week repairing roofs, mending fences, re-painting walls and tearing out other walls, mowing yards, trimming trees, and replacing flooring. Six-and-a-half yards of concrete was also formed and poured for a section of the sidewalk. They also held Vacation Bible School for 20 of the local children while they were there.

Monahan was responsible for supplying three meals a day to the volunteer workers, which meant getting up before everyone else and working late into the evening. He also had to make sure that everything was set up for the next day.

Debbie Van Hook, directs the Work and Witness program along with her husband Tim, stated, "If I didn't know better, I would almost think that our chef fixed more than enough food this week on purpose just to stock our refrigerator with wonderful tasty treats."

The NIBC is committed to the unwavering purpose of educating and developing trans-cultural, multi-tribal Christians for responsible leadership roles both in the church and in the contemporary world. "Working with these people really gives you a different perspective on life," stated Monahan. "We have so much of which to be appreciative."

According to the Pueblo Cultural Center, many centuries before European explorers found their way to the Western Hemisphere, the Pueblo Indians of what is now New Mexico developed a distinctive and complex civilization. These peace loving people created an urban life in harmony with the environment and with each other. Their religion was pantheistic and deeply spiritual and constituted an important part of daily life, within which they created an equitable government, a magnificent architecture, intensive agriculture with a sophisticated irrigation system and a highly developed art in pottery, weaving, jewelry, leather work and other crafts.



Mike Monahan

PIEHL SHARES BOTANISTS' TIPS

Paula Piehl, Professor of Biology at Potomac State College (PSC) of West Virginia University, also participated in the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Family Summit 2001 this summer at Canaan Valley Resort in Canaan Valley, WV.

Piehl conducted workshops on "The Identification of Woody Plants." The course consisted of half-day workshops followed by half-day field trips. During the workshop, participants learned key characteristics used by botanists to identify woody plants. In the afternoon a field trip was available for participants to visit a forest and wetlands ecosystem where they applied their identification skills. Lindy Point was just one of the beautiful locations that the group visited during the week.



Students admire view from Lindy Point, WV.

NINESTEEL TAKES

TO THE CAVE

Geology Professor Judy Ninesteel, spent part of her summer participating in the national Wildlife Federation (NWF) Family Summit 2001, which was held at Canaan Valley Resort from June 30 to July 6. The summit had over 500 people taking part this year.

Ninesteel taught participants about the importance of caves including how caves form life within a cave and cave safety. The group also explored noncommercial caves, Red Run Cave near Parsons, and Kline Gap Cave near Maysville.

According to Ninesteel "West Virginia ranks fourth in the nation with 300 limestone caves."

Ninesteel first became interested in caving in 1990 when she was working with students in the Upward Bound program. "I was developing ideas for field trips for my students and was referred to the Western Maryland Grotto, an organization dedicated to the exploration and preservation of caves." Now she routinely takes students and other groups to explore noncommercial caves.

During the weeklong event, Ninesteel taught the historical significance of caves ranging from shelter for early man to refrigeration and warfare, to a time when caves were used as prisons. According to Ninesteel, "West Virginia ranks fourth in the nation with 3,300 limestone caves. Of the world's 50 longest caves, West Virginia has 11 of them. In addition, of the over 500 species of animals found in West Virginia caves, many of them are found no place else in the world."

According to the NWF, the Family Summit is a weeklong environmental discovery program in spectacular natural settings for people of all ages and backgrounds. These unique outdoor summer experiences accommodate the varied interests, attention spans, and ability levels of the whole group for the purpose of helping the family experience the joys of the outdoors together.

States Ninesteel, "It was a wonderful and enriching experience, one I will continue to enjoy being a part of every summer."



Judy Ninesteel

THE CLASSROOM, OFFICE

HAWAII TRIP

It was every educator's dream conference, spending time in a tropical paradise, eating food like "pupu" every day and being surrounded by the intoxicating beauty including exotic flowers, adventurous landscape and mythical legends. Was it a dream or reality?

For Mary Ellen "Mimi" Vandenberg, Instructor in Psychology at Potomac State College of West Virginia University, it was reality. Vandenberg attended the Thirteenth Annual Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar from August 5-10, at the Kilauea Military Camp in Volcanoes National Park, which is located on the island of Hawaii.

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Mimi Vandenberg

DOWNEY PROMOTES SAFETY

Fred Downey, Campus Police Chief and Director of Public Safety for Potomac State College of West Virginia University, spent the summer conducting numerous crime prevention and personal safety workshops.

During the personal protection and self-defense seminars, Downey teaches participants how to react and use various techniques to protect themselves from would-be attackers. "Observation, of course, is one of your best defenses," he states. "If you should be accosted there are certain things you can do to give yourself an edge."

Downey and the Campus Police sponsor several clubs including The Criminal Justice Intern Club, The Boy Scout Law Enforcement Explore Club and the Asian Martial Arts Club. They also provide law enforcement job shadowing to Mineral County School students who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement.

Downey has been directing the Neighborhood Watch training for the Piedmont West Virginia Safety and Security Committee and is establishing the same type of programs in Keyser and Fort Ashby in the near future.



Fred Downey

LOCAL TEACHERS

"DOWN ON THE FARM"

A total of 16 educators spent a week at the West Virginia Summer Agriculture Institute, which was once again hosted by Potomac State College of West Virginia University. The event was held on campus from July 15 – July 20. Teachers from West Virginia and Maryland participated in the agriculture program that included various informative activities from meeting farm animals up close to being served dinner by area agriculturists. The group also visited an orchard and toured a poultry-processing facility. The goal of the workshop is to train teachers in how to use agriculture in their classrooms in order to make learning about agriculture fun and memorable for the students.

ON HORSE: Britnee Ritchie. LEFT TO RIGHT:
Participants Erin Coffield (Moundsville), Karlleen Stockman (Sharpsburg, Md.), Beth Woods (Moundsville) and Bonnie Cutright (Rock Cave, WV)



According to references from workshop director, Mary Beth Bennett, "Agriculture, our nation's largest industry, is not just planting, harvesting, raising livestock or milking cows; it also involves processing, marketing and distribution of farm commodities." Most children today have no basic knowledge of how the food they eat is being provided other than it comes from a grocery store.

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FUTURE MATHEMATICIANS AND SCIENTISTS



Students from the counties of Morgan, Grant, Pendleton, Hardy, Jefferson, Hampshire, Berkeley and Mineral participated in the RESA VIII Math/Science/Technology Academy held at the College this past summer. The objective of the academy was to provide an enriching experience for students who have shown outstanding potential in math or science. The students had the opportunity to live and work with other talented students, as well as interact with scientists and mathematicians from this area. Dr. Gerald Wilcox, Professor of Biology, headed up the academy.

LOCKRIDGE MARKS FIRST YEAR (continued from Page 3)

"hopefully just a spectator." But, if needed, he is there to assess injuries and apply first aid that can range from applying an ice pack to stopping bleeding. After the game, he is again busy applying ice packs, removing tape and tending to any injuries, sprains or sore muscles.

Lochridge also adds that he would be remiss if he didn't mention Dr. Joy Cousins, the college's team physician who came on board at the same time as him. "She's doing a great job."

Over the past year, the training room has been renovated with equipment upgrades including an electrical stimulation and ultrasound unit that allows Lochridge to conduct appropriate rehabilitation.

A native of New Orleans, Lochridge's first job out of college was with the Washington Capitals as an assistant athletic trainer. After a year, he went on to work in the same capacity with Anne Arundel Community College, in Arnold, MD. Then a year- and-a-half later he moved to Keyser "looking for a small town to plant some roots ... hopefully looking to start a family. I've lived in cities all my life, I just wanted a change of pace," said Lochridge.

In addition to his responsibilities with the athletic teams, Lochridge teaches sports medicine classes and serves as a mentor to the students enrolled in the Athletic Training Program. Students cover practices with Lochridge and as they gain experience will travel with him and the teams to assist with pre-game preparations. His goal is to give them experience to know whether they want to continue onto a four-year school and pursue a career as an athletic trainer.

Lochridge laughs as he sums up his career in these words, "In school I was called the 'waterboy.' Well, the 'waterboy' went to college on full scholarship and is now working with sports, which I love. It's a great career."

Scott Lochridge, PSC's Head Athletic Trainer, says anytime you have sports teams, you're going to have injuries, sprains and sore muscles. "Anytime a student athlete walks in with a question, I'm going to try and help out."

URICE SERVING AS VISTA REPRESENTATIVE

Hi! For those of you who don't already know me, my name is Betty Urice and I am the West Virginia Extension Service Literacy for VISTA here at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.



Betty Urice

I work with AmeriCorps National Service to make contacts with University and community partners in preparation for "Let's Read West Virginia" a statewide children's reading program.

I also provide leadership for the volunteer component of Energy Express in Mineral County. I'm responsible for recruiting and training literacy volunteers from the community and the college. I assist with the overall service learning and campus-community collaboration efforts.

I have attended PSC since 1999 with an interest in Education Administration. My office is located on the third floor of the Administration Building, adjacent to the President's Office, Room 202-B.

If you or anyone you know would like to become a volunteer for the literacy program, please contact me at 788-6867.

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN, WOMEN RECEIVE TRAINING

The Potomac State College of West Virginia University Workforce Training and Community Education Center, located in the Grand Central Business Center, in downtown Keyser, has been presenting a series of business-computing presentations and workshops to members of the Mineral County Chamber of Commerce and/or their employees throughout the Fall 2001 Semester.

The series features ten different software packages that are frequently used in business and industry, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, NetMeeting, Outlook, Publisher, Small Business Financial Planner and Front Page; and Intuits Quickbooks.

Each Tuesday from August 28 through December 4, Chamber members are treated to a catered lunch followed by two hours of training on each of the software packages. For the first five weeks, the Chamber members received presentations of the functions each software package was capable of completing with an opportunity to sign up for one of the hands-on sessions devoted to instruction in use of the software.

Most of the presentations have had between 18-32 Chamber members attending. The hands-on sessions are restricted to 15 people



Kathleen Malkie, center, was one of the instructors for the 15-week Business Computing Program.

to allow for individual computer use. Virtually all of the workshops have waiting lists. The entire series has been funded through a grant provided by the West Virginia Small Business Development Office. Walter Asonevich, Community Education Coordinator, coordinated the presentations and workshops.

UPWARD BOUND EXPERIENCES

WHIRLWIND SUMMER

This past summer I knew I would be traveling, seeing new things, reading books, and studying new topics, but I was going to do none of these things at a relaxing pace, for I, Jennifer Brown, was working as the Interim Director of the Upward Bound Program at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. I would be spending six weeks between June and August with 35 high school students from across the eastern panhandle of the state.

The Upward Bound program is one of the TRIO programs, and it is a federally funded program for high school students who come either from low-income families or families in which they would be the first generation to attend college. The Upward Bound Program at PSC serves a total of 50 students from Mineral, Hampshire, Grant, and Hardy Counties. Throughout the year, the program offers many educational and cultural services to its participants, all with the goal of helping them to enter and succeed in college. One of its primary parts is the summer component, during which students live on the PSC campus; attend classes, counseling workshops, and cultural activities, and otherwise, experience a college environment.

Although I had worked with the Upward Bound program since 1997 (first as a composition instructor and then as the Educational Outreach Counselor), this is my first year as the Interim Director. My previous education, a BS and M.Ed. in English and education from Frostburg State University and occupational experience as an adjunct instructor of English at Garrett Community College, could not fully prepare me for something which could only be learned through the experience of slogging through it the first time.

Throughout the summer, I arranged visits and accompanied Upward Bound students to Shepherd College; The American Visionary Art Museum and The Maryland Science Center in Baltimore, MD; Historic Michie Tavern and Monticello near Charlottesville, VA; and The Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown, PA. In addition, the students participated in various service projects in and around Keyser. They listened to a variety of speakers who dealt with topics ranging from occupations to yoga; they were in class by 8 a.m. and they had two hours of tutoring almost every night.

They were rewarded at the end of the summer component with an awards banquet, at which they received from the staff and from their families the praise they deserved. The next morning, they left on a five-day trip to Boston, MA.

This was, for me and for the other staff members, a difficult summer of planning, supervising, disciplining, advising, and fretting. However, for the students, it was a summer of learning, seeing, experiencing, and understanding things with which they would have had no contact if they had spent the summer in other, less challenging pursuits.

They have had, thanks to the program, its staff and the wider campus community, exposure to things that they will carry with them to college and throughout the rest of their lives. This summer, in all of its joys and frustrations, may not have been a relaxing one, but it certainly was a rewarding one.

SELECTIONS FOR THE SEASON

The Annual Christmas Concert by the College/Community Band and Chorus will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church-McKee Arts Center. The band is directed by Fred Kesner. The chorus is directed by Richard Davis, Professor of Music, and is accompanied by Dr. John Hawkins, Professor of Music. The event is free.



Jennifer Brown

NEW FACES ON & AROUND CAMPUS

NEW FACULTY

Lawrence Moore - Visiting Instructor in Economics

Mark Smith - Visiting Instructor in English

Andrea Bucklew - Visiting Instructor in Criminal Justice

Adjunct Faculty

Bonnie Miller - Introduction to Management and Interpersonal Relations Basic Formatting

Pam Smith - Business Mathematics

Linda Dean - Composition and Rhetoric on campus and at Moorefield High School

Jennifer Tasker - Elementary Algebra

Pat Droppleman - Nursing Interventions I

Craig Cross - English 90

Darren Taylor - Police Defense Tactics

Beth Myers - Intro to Sociology

Shelly Claeys - Criminal Justice at Martinsburg High School

Louise Cather - English 101

David Rolls - Criminal Justice 209 - Firearms

Bobbie Dubins - Computer Science and Computer Information Systems

New Staff

Lisa Serfass - Director of Student Support Services

Michelle Francis - Transfer Career Specialist

Gina Raschella - Director of the Catamount Children's Center

Jennifer Brown - Interim Director of Upward Bound

Christopher Fraley - Campus Police Officer I

Jessica Bennett - Campus Police Officer II

Shawn White - Athletic Director

Maria Gregorio - Resident Director of Friend Hall

Steve Gardner - Resident Director of Memorial Hall

Debi Cruse - Program Assistant I in Communications and Marketing

Michael Cook, Rhonda Biser and Barbara Miller went from temporary to full-time in the Potomac Café

HARLAN SPEAKS TO THE MASSES



Harlan Shreve, a Senior Programmer and Applications Systems Analyst here on campus, promotes the CISCO Networking Academy over the radio during an on-site remote conducted by WQZK. Observing Shreve is DJ Patrick Geraghty. The remote helped publicize one of the many Fall Registrations during August.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS *(continued from Page 1)*

The Lightstone Foundation, the West Virginia Stewardship Collaborative and PSC have worked together for the past three years with the help of the partnership program in developing a better understanding of watersheds and their communities.

In May of this year, representatives from PSC, WVU, East Tennessee State University, Northeastern University, and University of Texas El Paso traveled to El Paso, TX, for a consortium meeting titled, "Border Connections." The goal of the meeting was to establish a challenge to those involved that "borders", whether physical, ideological or conceptual, should not limit the exchange of ideas regarding education, lifestyles and community involvement.

HAWAII TRIP *(continued from Page 5)*

"Hawaii is a great place for solving problems. I knew this was going to be a different type of conference from the time we arrived," stated Vandenberg. "They told us not to walk past the flag pole after dark, which was approximately 50 yards away, because we could possibly fall a thousand feet into a dormant volcano."

Problem stated. Problem solved.

The conference was a gathering of an energetic group of dedicated teachers in search of the "great educator" within themselves. It brought together teachers from the United States, Canada, Japan, Bermuda, Samoa, the United Kingdom and a host of other countries, for the purpose of learning from one another and exchanging teaching strategies, while seeking solutions to some of the problems teachers encounter.

Vandenberg was impressed with local legends including one that says if you pick the flowers it will anger the goddess, who will then take out her anger on you. Residents routinely leave various gifts for the goddess out of respect and believe that if you bother these gifts, "bad things" will happen.

Vandenberg, the only educator from West Virginia to ever attend the seminar and received a certificate for that honor, stated that she would love to see a representative from this state attend again next year.

GIVE PSC

AS A STOCKING STUFFER



With the Holiday Season fast approaching, it's time to think about the presents that you'll be giving to those special people this year. Libby Nichols in the Alumni Office has the perfect gift for the "hard to please" or the "not so hard to please" person on your list. The Centennial Print of the College, designed by artist Larry Van Alstyne, is available in an 8" X 10" print, note cards, holiday cards, and post cards. All are suitable for framing. The cost is as follows:

Post Cards	\$1
Note Cards and Holiday Cards	\$13 per set
8" X 10" Print	\$10

The Potomac State College History Book, written by Dinah Courier, Interim Dean of Curriculum and Instruction, is also available at the campus bookstore for \$19.99 plus tax. Happy Shopping!

LOCAL TEACHERS

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The WVU Extension began working with the West Virginia Farm Bureau in 1996 to create a statewide program to address agricultural literacy. In 1997 the first West Virginia Summer Agricultural Institute was held to train teachers in how to use agriculture in their classrooms. This is the third year that Potomac State has hosted the agriculture workshop. "It's a pleasure for me to cooperate with the West Virginia Farm Bureau to 'educate the educators' to enhance the understanding of food production to feed our societies," stated Rick Woodworth, PSC's Associate Professor of Agriculture, who helped organize the event.

COFFEE HOURS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 8

Open House/Cocktail Party
in the President's Home
from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

December 14

Open House for College/
Community at Potomac
Café from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.